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SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS FOR USINT BAGHDAD

1. RECOMMENDATION IN NOVEMBER 1974 INSPECTION REPORT PROPOSED THAT A CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATION FACILITY BE INSTALLED AT USINT IN FY-76, STAFFED WITH TWO AMERICAN COMMUNICATORS.

2. OUR POSITION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION NEED NOT BE REPEATED. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY STRESSED THAT INADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS IS BIGGEST DETRIMENT TO EFFICIENT OPERATION OF POST.

3. OUR CURRENT BUILDING IS UNSUITABLE FOR ACCOMMODATING CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION WAS PREDICATED ON RELOCATION). OFFICE LEASE EXPIRES IN MAY 196. ADMINOFF HAS BEEN SEARCHING VIGOROUSLY FOR REPLACEMENT QUARTERS BUT ABILITY TO CHOOSE IS HAMPERED BY UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHEN CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT BE INSTALLED AND WHEN FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

4. PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED IF DEPARTMENT WOULD APPROVE INSTALLATION OF CLASSIFIED SYSTEM AT BAGHDAD IN EARLY FY-76. THAT WAY PROBLEM OF ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND RELOCATION CAN BE DOVETAILED AVOIDING NEED FOR MULTIPLE RELOCATIONS IN FY-76.

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5. USINT REQUESTS PROMPT CONSIDERATION BY DEPT OF
INSPECTORS'S RECOMMENDATION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION FOR
USINT TO APPROACH MFA FOR PERMISSION TO
OPERATE EQUIPMENT. IN TERMS OF HARDWARE, I RECOMMEND
SYSTEM SUCH AS AMEMBASSY KUWAIT NOW OPERATES WHICH REQUIRES
MINIMUM OF PERSONNEL AND WOULD BE ADEQUATE IN EVENT OF
RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY STATUS.
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